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1. The proposed amendments to claims 1 and 4 filed on Mar. 6, 2009, after the mailing of the final rejection on Jan. 6, 2009, raise new issues. The proposed amendment to claim 1 deletes the limitation that "the undercoat layer [which has a two-layer structure] has a thickness of 5.0-50 μm " (emphasis added). The two-layer structure comprises a first layer comprising a polyimide and a second layer. The proposed amendment to claim 1 further adds the limitation that -- the first layer [containing the polyimide] has a thickness of 5.0 -50.0 μm -- (emphasis added). The proposed amendment to claim 4 now requires that both layers in the two-layer structure comprise titanium oxide. The resulting limitations in claims 1 and 4 were not present in the claims when the final rejection was mailed. Thus, further consideration and/or a search would be necessary to evaluate the patentability of the newly added subject matter.

2. The examiner's refusal to enter the after-final amendment filed on Mar. 6, 2009, renders applicants' arguments moot regarding said amendment. Accordingly, instant claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 14-16, 19, and 20 stand rejected for the reasons discussed in the final rejection.